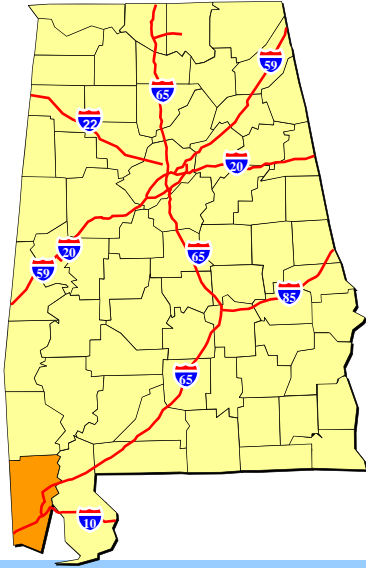


Mobile Metropolitan Area



Metro Area Statistics	
Metro Population	406,840
Population by Age Group (%)	
0-17	26.1
18-64	61.3
65+	12.6
Median Household Income	\$39,121
<i>Source: Claritas, 2009 Estimate</i>	
Civilian Labor Force	185,861
<i>Source: Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations, 2008 Annual Average</i>	
Average Monthly Wage, All Industries	\$3,182
<i>Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008 Annual Average Wages, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages</i>	
Employment by Industry	
Total Nonfarm	184,600
Total Private	156,900
Goods Producing	32,000
Nat. Resources & Const.	15,700
Manufacturing	16,400
Service-Providing	152,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	41,200
Trans, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,000
Information	2,500
Financial Activities	9,500
Professional and Business Services	23,200
Educational and Health Services	23,500
Leisure and Hospitality	15,900
Other Services	9,200
Government	27,700
<i>Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Annual 2008 Current Employment Statistics</i>	

Top Five Employers

Mobile County School Systems	8,125
University of South Alabama & Medical Facilities	5,600
Mobile Infirmary	4,000
Wal-Mart	3,000
City of Mobile	2,429

Colleges and Universities

University of South Alabama
 University of Mobile
 Spring Hill College
 Bishop State Community College

Major Industries

Medicine and Research
 Aerospace
 Construction
 Electronics and Telecommunications
 Shipbuilding and Repair
 Chemicals
 Fabricated Metals
 Shipping and Distribution
 Paper Products

Mobile, known for its Azalea-lined streets, was founded in 1702 by French explorers to trade with the Gulf Coast Indians. The area has always had an international flair.

Foreign investment has been very important to the city's growth, with 28 internationally-owned companies represented. And the Port of Mobile, with 190 shipping lines, is one of the largest in the nation, ranking 9th in tonnage.